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And they're off!
Minnows were racing for first place at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's Family Fun Day taking place at the fish hatchery on Saturday, May 2. More on page 13.
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Service cuts led to dangerous roads: AG

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The Ontario government is putting lives at risk in order to save money on winter highway maintenance. That's the damning conclusion of an auditor general's report released April 29. The audit, requested by the standing committee of public accounts, found that in 2009, significant changes were made to the way the Ministry of Transportation contracts out highway maintenance work, as the province sought to reduce costs by millions of dollars. "While the change has been successful in reducing and containing winter highway maintenance expenditures, it has done so at the cost of Ontario's roads not being as well-maintained as they used to be," reads the 44-page report, compiled by auditor general Bonnie Lysyk. "In essence, over the past five years, winter highway maintenance levels have declined from the level that Ontarians have historically been used to." Conditions during the harsh win-

Tourists asked to go 'nowhere' this summer

JENN WATT
Editor

Ontario's Highlands is a place to go to release stress, disconnect from the bustle of the city and be ... "nowhere." That is the new campaign for this summer's tourists in the regional tourism organization

that encapsulates the Haliburton Highlands. The messaging was released to a group of tourism stakeholders at Pinestone Resort on Thursday, April 30 by Marc Whitehead, senior strategist for marketing firm Karo. Key to Whitehead's presentation was capturing the target demographic, the

"Connected Explorer," a young urbanite with money to spend and an urge to have an "authentic" experience. To that end, Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization will be launching a campaign largely on social media to capture the attention of the Connected

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Area cottager wins early bird draw

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker, left, stands with HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler, who reads out the name Kay Armatage of Toronto as winner of the \$1,000 Cash for Care Early Bird Draw. Armatage is a Haliburton area cottager who has never won before. Seventy-five per cent of tickets are sold with one day of draws for \$15,000, \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 left on Friday, May 22. Tickets are available by calling 705-457-1580. All funds raised will support the Making Moments Matter campaign for the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre.
/DARREN LUM Staff



Visitors asked to tweet 'nowhere moment'

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Explorer, asking them to "find their nowhere moment in Ontario's Highlands."

Whitehead showed some of the creative pieces already developed for the campaign, including posters and buttons that say "Welcome to Nowhere."

Initially, the room was mixed about the new campaign. Shawn Chamberlin, owner of the Dominion Hotel in Minden, took exception.

"I resent being called nowhere," he said. "We're somewhere."

Shelley Schell said her immediate reaction to being called nowhere was negative.

"I can sit and wrap my head around it, but as a quick, immediate response it feels negative," she said.

Whitehead responded that the campaign was not targeted to the local audience, made up of people who have already bought in to the natural surroundings of Ontario's Highlands, but rather for the potential tourist, who is caught in the turmoil of the city and just wants out.

That person, Whitehead said, wants to escape to a peaceful place with no agenda – essentially nowhere. He said he has a cottage in the Haliburton Highlands and regularly has "nowhere moments" sitting on the end of his dock or being quiet and peaceful in nature.

OHTO's campaigns are about conveying a feeling to a very specific demographic, Whitehead said.

"It was all about trying to feed the desires that our target audience – which again are urbanites, downtown Toronto, Ottawa, busy people, busy lives, looking for an opportunity to disconnect to reconnect," he said. Nowhere is a mind state, not a physical place.

The idea for the campaign largely came from looking at what other regional tourism organizations are doing. Whitehead noted that most are branding themselves on places and things to do. He wanted instead to market this region by the way it will make a visitor feel.

The nowhere campaign is one chapter in the metaphorical book of OHTO's tourism marketing, Whitehead said. In the winter, it ran a successful campaign with the hashtag #rememberwinter. It asked visitors to reconnect with their inner eight year old and experience the fun of the cold and the snow again. Remember Winter brought in about 2,300 Facebook fans. The hashtag was used 859 times.

Terri Mathews-Carl from Rhubarb said that she loved the Remember campaign and found the materials provided by OHTO easy to use in her own business.

Haliburton was the last stop on a tour talking about new branding that also visited Pembroke, Perth and Madoc. Nicole Whiting, OHTO executive director, said that Haliburton's reaction to the term nowhere was more fervent than in other communities. "You are also the most proud," she said. "[You] feel so passionate about what you do."

Whiting said the risk they were taking that the term would be taken negatively was worth the potential benefit of catching the attention of the Connected Explorer.

Gail Stelter, Haliburton BIA co-ordinator, said she connected with the nowhere moment idea. She said when she was living in the city, working as a principal, coming to the cottage was her nowhere moment.

"I think sometimes it's hard for us now that we live up here to see the positive in the word nowhere, but it is very much emotional."

"I think it can work," she said.

Whitehead said he understood that "nowhere" didn't resonate with people who have discovered the Highlands is a beautiful place to live, but that his job was to go after the target audience, who isn't acquainted with Ontario's Highlands and doesn't have time to search it out. "My job is to deliver that audience," he said.

Campaign materials will be available at OHTO.ca starting May 11 with a soft launch on May 15. The hard launch including contest and ads will be June 1.



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Natural heritage study proposed for Rail Trail

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Councillors were presented with a new initiative for the Haliburton County Rail Trail, a corridor that was once where the county's railway ran.

At the April 29 meeting of county council, Pamela Marsales made a delegation requesting support to spearhead a natural heritage study of the HCRT.

A collaborative project, the study would be done by a committee that includes U-Links director Emma Horrigan, ecologist Paul Heaven, Ed Poropat, Don Smith and Marsales.

The idea is to create a database of information of habitat types and species on the Rail Trail, which can be updated over the years, Marsales said in her report to council.

"It will encourage residents and trav-

ellers interested in nature to visit the Rail Trail with a better understanding of what to look for," she said.

Funded through grant opportunities, the project would appeal to a wide audience, including field naturalists and cyclists, said Marsales, who was looking for support in principle to move forward with the planning stages.

"How do you factor in motorized vehicles?" asked Warden Murray Fearrey, referring to a long-standing divide between motorized and non-motorized users of the trail.

Marsales said the project wasn't going to include them however it wasn't about bringing up old issues of the past and that she's long moved on from that debate.

"I'm trying to focus on positive projects now," she said. "This has nothing to do with dredging up old conflicts, I'm past that."

Councillors were very skeptical of the

location chosen for a study of this kind, with Councillor Suzanne Partridge worried it would see degradation on a very established trail.

Councillor Brent Devolin was uncomfortable with the project's non-inclusiveness and wanted to see motorized users be part of it.

"They have done equally good work," he said. "I'm fully supportive of what you're doing, I just want people to know that motorized vehicles are not going away."

Marsales echoed her earlier sentiments that the project was not about old conflicts but about bringing back pride and interest in the trail.

"If you want this trail to truly be multi-use then you should allow this," she said. "People have stopped using the Rail Trail."

Councillor Carol Moffatt said while she loved the idea of the project she too did

not want to see it on the Rail Trail.

Apart from motorized vehicles, another area of concern was creating a brochure or map pinpointing species at risk or unique species on the trail, resulting in a disruption to the natural habitat.

Marsales said whatever material came from the project would not include specific locations, more of a general overview.

Roads director Doug Ray said a database of information regarding Rail Trail species already existed, however it is not available to the public.

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen said she wasn't sure how the project would fit in with the county's tourism objectives and how she could market it.

Councillors passed a resolution to accept Marsales's report and discuss it at the next tourism committee meeting.

County still waiting on Winter Games funding from province

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at an April 29 meeting of Haliburton County council.

The county of Haliburton is still awaiting about \$10,000 in outstanding funds for hosting the Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

The funding was initially supposed to come from Sport Alliance Ontario, which facilitates the games on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture, however that organization has since gone bankrupt, said county treasurer Laura Janke.

The bankruptcy came earlier this year after the province announced it would be pulling its funding for SAO.

Janke told councillors the county will now be getting its money from the ministry.

"The Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture has guaranteed us in writing that we will receive the money," she said. "But it's going to take some time because now we have to enter into an agreement to get the \$10,000."

Janke told councillors she's hoping to enter into that agreement soon.

"We don't feel it's in jeopardy, it's just a matter of how it's going to happen," she said.

New AMO report doesn't solve OPP billing issue

A new report released by the Association of Municipalities Ontario doesn't offer many solutions the county is currently facing with the OPP billing model.

Released on April 27, the report is titled *Building a New Public Safety Model in Ontario* and includes a number of recommendations, said Janke.

The top three recommendations are to make changes to the interest arbitration system, to improve the quality of the existing governance and civilian oversight system and to make legislative changes to permit the greater transfer of specific functions to civilians or other security providers where appropriate.

Councillors were critical of the report and the lack of change it would bring.

Warden Murray Fearrey brought up the idea of looking into the model of contracting police, which might result in the county having more input.

Councillor Dave Burton said that contracting police means it is overseen by a police board.

Busy year at area libraries

County library branches experienced another busy year, as county librarian Bessie Sullivan reported to council.

Sullivan presented her 2014 annual report, which showed a two per cent increase in circulation. It also saw some major projects undertaken in the past year, including the construction of a new branch in Wilberforce.

One area that continues to be a struggle for the libraries is not enough capacity when it comes to computers and the Internet, said Sullivan.

You can find a full copy of the report on the agenda for the April 29 meeting of county council.



Fun at the Sock Hop

Essie Butwell, left, and Valerie Carr were decked out 1950s-style for Canoe FM's Sock Hop at the West Guilford Community Centre on April 25. The event was a fundraiser for the volunteer radio station. CHAD INGRAM Staff



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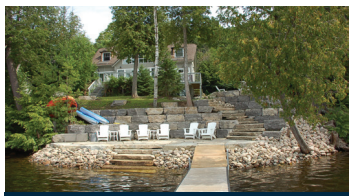
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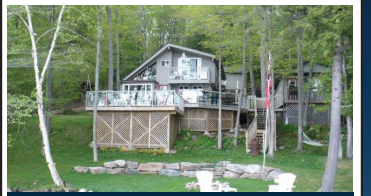
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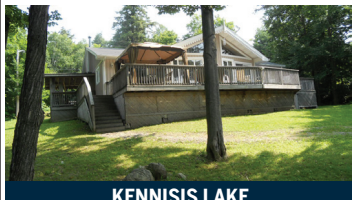
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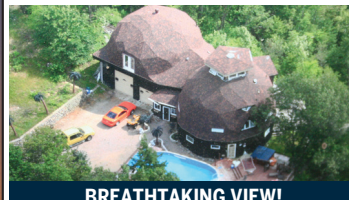
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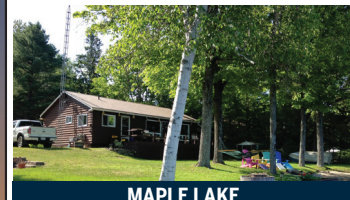
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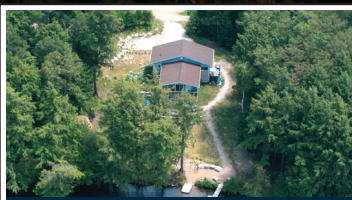
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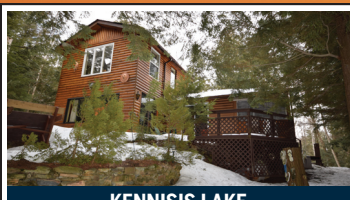
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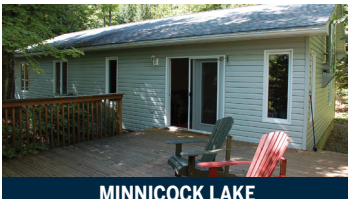
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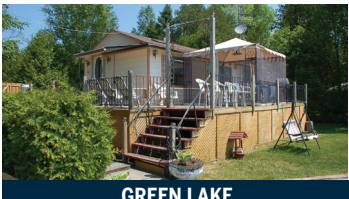
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Decreased service led to lawsuits: report

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ter of 2013/14 were particularly bad, the document reads, and “the ministry also acknowledges that, based on preliminary information, there was an increase in the number of deaths on Ontario highways in 2013 where snow, slush or ice was a factor.”

In 2009, the province switched to what it calls “performance-based” contracting for winter highway maintenance. In Haliburton County, the switch to this new type of outsourcing happened in 2012, with multinational company Carillion taking over highway maintenance for highways 35 and 118. Previously, the contract had belonged to Fowler Construction, with work subcontracted to local companies, such as Carnarvon’s Francis Thomas Contracting.

County residents have noticed a substantial drop in the quality of winter highway maintenance since that time.

The new “performance-based” model requires much less provincial oversight, leaving most decisions, as well as monitoring, up to the contractors themselves.

“In a performance-based contract, the awarder of the contract sets standards and outcome targets for the contractor to meet,” the report reads. “The contractor, not the awarder of the contract, performs the patrols to determine what’s needed, and plans and manages all the work. In other words, rather than being told in the contract what means to use to get to the end result, the contractor decides how to deliver the end result.”

The audit found there are no regulations regarding how many vehicles, or how much salt, sand, etc. is to be used.

“The amount of snow plows, salters and other equipment, as well as the amount of salt, sand and anti-icing used was left solely up to the decision of the contractor,” the document states. “However, as the overriding criteria used by the ministry to award contracts was the lowest bid, there was an obvious incentive for contractors to minimize their equipment and use of winter treatment materials.”

Under the previous agreement for the province’s Huntsville district (which includes much of the sections of highways 118 and 35 located in the county), 13 snow plows were used. Under the new system, nine are used. Under the previous contract, eight salt and sand spreaders were used for the district. Now, none is used, with Carillion instead using combination units, of which there used to be 18 for the district and are now 29.

Rules around circuit times were also changed, with the length of time extended.

“In developing the circuit-time outcome targets, the ministry included a buffer and made the circuit times longer,” the report reads.

Under previous specifications, the maximum circuit time for Class 3 roadways (both highway 35 and 118 are Class 3) was 174 minutes. Under the performance-based model, the “outcome target” is 198 minutes.

“As well, the definition of circuit time was changed,” the report continues. “The return trip to the yard no longer had to be included within the circuit time. Ministry staff and engineers estimated that this trip

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took an average of 13 minutes, province-wide. Thus, contractors were allowed a longer time to do less.”

With the average of a 13-minute trip to the yard factored in, the average circuit time for a Class 3 roadway has increased by 37 minutes.

In 2009/10, it took contractors an average of 2.1 hours to bring roadways back to “bare pavement” standards following a snowstorm. In 2013/14, it took them an average of 4.7 hours – more than twice as long.

Not only is it taking contractors more time to clean up following storms, they are doing less maintenance during periods of snowfall themselves.

The ministry changed requirements for plowing during a storm, removing the need to plow non-freeway shoulders where an excessive amount of snow has accumulated; plow right-side freeway shoulders where excessive snow has accumulated; continuously plow left-side freeway shoulders; and continuously plow blowing snow causing drifts on shoulders.

Its also lessened snowplowing requirements for interchange ramps and passing lanes.

The auditor general also found that stipulations requiring contractors to reimburse the province for unused materials such as salt and sand that existed in previous contracts were removed from the performance-based contracts, prompting companies to use less material.

“Under the previous AMCs (area management contracts), contractors would have to reimburse the ministry if they did not use minimal amounts of treatment materials stipulated in the contract,” the report reads. “This ensured that contractors would at least use these amounts. Under the performance-based AMCs, the reimbursement arrangement was eliminated. Therefore, contractors no longer had an incentive to use the same amounts of treatment material. Also, it was no longer mandatory for contractors to use anti-icing liquid. This affected services levels.”

Previously, the ministry directly oversaw whether contractors were meeting requirements. The performance-based model uses ministry-employed regional maintenance co-ordinators to report on whether contractors are meeting outcome targets, submitting audits to the province.

The auditor general found this oversight system needed improvement.

“They audit the performance of contractors in snowstorms against the outcome targets in the contracts,” the report reads. “Most audits are conducted weeks after the storm, using data gathered dur-

ing the storm and from contractors.”

Audits are also not being performed nearly as frequently as they are supposed to be.

“Even though the main responsibility of each co-ordinator is to oversee contractors throughout performing five audits from October to April, we found that more than one-quarter of co-ordinators do not do so,” the report reads. “Co-ordinators who did not meet the five-audit target conducted, on average, less than three audits. One co-ordinator performed only one audit during the winter season.”

The audit also found that while co-ordinators are required to “recreate storms” using data, they were not given training on how to do this. It found an over-reliance on self-reporting from contractors and other oversight downfalls.

“We also found that the ministry did not supply most of its staff with dashboard cameras to use when carrying out in-field audit observations,” the report reads.

According to the auditor general, the province’s procurement process did not adequately consider a bidders’ abilities to actually deliver the required services.

“For example, having enough equipment is crucial for maintaining winter highways, but having enough equipment account for only 15 per cent of the criteria on which contractors were evaluated in Stage 1,” the report reads. “Once at the second stage, qualitative differences between contractors with respect to the amount and type of equipment or any other aspect of maintenance were irrelevant in choosing the winning contractor. The only factor considered from this point on was how low a price the contractor bid. This favoured contractors that pursued every possible way to cut costs, including using the least amount of equipment and less material, which ultimately resulted in a reduction in service.”

For 2013/14, there were some 1,110 instances where contractors did not meet multiple outcome targets, resulting in more than \$13 million in fines.

The report’s findings came as no shock to Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey.

“I don’t think that was a surprise to anybody,” Fearrey told the paper. “It’s what happens when big government makes unilateral decisions across the province. Just because it’s cheaper, it’s not always better.”

The auditor general’s report actually concluded that the cheaper contracts may cost the province more in the long run.

The decreased level of service has resulted in lawsuits, with some 220 claims against the province related to car crashes deemed to be result of shoddy maintenance.

Twenty-three of them have been settled, with the province paying out more than \$8 million in damages.

“Whatever kind of contract they’ve flushed out, it’s not tight enough,” Fearrey said of the province’s agreement with Carillion. “When [county council] gets all the details, we’ll have to follow up with letters and recommendations.”

County councillors met with representatives from the MTO and Carillion at January meeting at Queen’s Park facilitated by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

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— Bob Nichols
MTO spokesman

MPP Laurie Scott.

“The report confirmed what I have heard from constituents and municipalities who use these roads on a daily basis,” Scott said following the release of the document. “Ensuring our roads are as safe as possible during the winter driving season is one of the fundamental responsibilities of the Ministry of Transportation. This is not just about poor service; it is about people’s safety on our roads. These contracts fail to adequately maintain our provincial highways and need to be re-evaluated by the minister. I will continue to push the Ministry of Transportation to rectify this very serious issue.”

The auditor general’s report includes a list of recommendations for the ministry, everything from ensuring contractors actually have a sufficient quantity of equipment to re-establishing cost-sharing arrangement so contractors must use more salt and sand. It recommends providing detail on what quantities of which material should be used and instituting an improved oversight and reporting system.

“The ministry will act on all of the recommendations in the report and expects to have many of the recommendations in place for the 2015/16 winter season,” MTO spokesman Bob Nichols wrote in an email.

“An action plan will be provided to the public in 60 days. Based on an internal review in 2013, MTO has already taken action. For example, this past winter the ministry worked with contractors to deploy 50 additional pieces of winter maintenance equipment in southern Ontario to clear most freeway ramps and shoulders more quickly. In winter 2013/14, an additional 55 pieces of equipment were deployed to more frequently plow passing lanes and truck climbing lanes. Forty-two of the 55 pieces of equipment were deployed in northern Ontario. MTO also added 20 new inspectors to provide more on-the-ground oversight of contractors during winter storms. These positions allows the ministry to better manage our maintenance contacts and verify that contractors are meeting their performance requirements.”

Following the release of the report, transportation minister Steven Del Duca said, “As a ministry, we have a lot of work to do. But so do our contractors. I will be meeting with them in person as soon as possible to determine how we can work together to improve this program and their performance.”

This past winter was the third year in a decade-long, \$11.9-million contract between the province and Carillion for the Huntsville district.

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Third time's a charm

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton resident Sue Shikaze took a less is more approach her third time out to the Boston Marathon.

Shikaze shattered her personal best time by 20 minutes because of her friend's advice to avoid anything strenuous the day before the world's oldest annual marathon.

At the heart of her success, is the support she receives to train three to four hours at a time. Shikaze said she couldn't have done it without her husband Thom Lambert.

"Obviously, I'm the one that has to do the running, but one of the things I've realized about doing things like this is that you don't ever do it on your own. I've just been really grateful the support of people around me," she said. "Thom is really supportive of my training. It takes a lot of time. Your family members make sacrifices too. When I go and do a long run on a Saturday morning it takes me three to four hours and then you've got to recover and then you've got to rest. Basically, your day is gone. Your family has to buy into that too."

Although Shikaze's marathon journey started some 18 months before she even set foot on the Boston course, it was all worth it.

The whole process started when she went to Boston to watch a friend run in 2012.

"I kind of got re-inspired to train and try to qualify," she said.

The winter of 2013 she began training to prepare to qualify for Boston with the Mississauga marathon in the spring.

It turned out to be her worst marathon ever, which she said was the result of the warmer than usual temperatures being such a contrast to what she experienced while training in the winter.

She took a break at the start of summer for holidays and returned later in the summer to training for the Hamilton marathon, which was also a qualifier for Boston.

Shikaze finished Hamilton running under the four hour qualifying time in November 2013. Her time was 3:49. Qualifying times are set out by Boston Marathon and are determined by age.

Registration for the run the following year is over a two week period in September, she said.

Due to her race being after registration, she had to wait a year to register for the Boston Marathon.

The qualifying race has to be within 18 months of Boston.

It was worth it, but she admits that it took a lot of focus.

She won't have to think of fitting in a long run every weekend now that it's over.

Shikaze won't stop running, but will take a break from marathons and is considering half-marathons, 10- and five-kilometre runs.

Besides the distance, the challenge of the Boston Marathon is the terrain the route follows.

Once on the course, runners face a consistent downhill from the start in the community of Hopkinton to the finish line on Boylston Street in downtown Boston.

Most would think this would help, but descending takes effort.

Shikaze has been hampered with cramping and fatigue in the past, particularly on the descending route of Boston.

Rather than enduring the last few miles, she used the downhill to pick her pace up and shatter her personal best.

Despite her training, this race wasn't without a minor hiccup.

"My quads just got trashed halfway into the race. They start cramping up. Every step you feel your quads," she said.

At mile 21 she stopped to stretch her hamstrings, as they were cramping.

"It went away and then my legs felt fine. That was really great. I was able to finish strong," she said.

Just before stretching, she recalled an amazing moment related to why she loves the Boston Marathon.

"I pull to the side and I'm stretching against the railing. There's all these students going, 'you can do it. C'mon.' So I stretched for a while and I'm smiling at them and then I start walking. They're all giving me high-fives and then I start jogging," she said, beaming. "You can't help but get motivated by people cheering you on because at this point they've been out there for three hours in the cold and rain and they're still right into it."

With the temperature close to eight degrees Celsius and with the wind it felt like three degrees. It was far



Haliburton resident Sue Shikaze bites her Boston Marathon medal after completing her third last week. She shattered her personal best Boston Marathon time by 20 minutes. /DARREN LUM Staff

from ideal for spectators, she said.

"The people of Boston are amazing in their support of the event and the runners from the front-runners right through to the five hour people. They're cheering everybody on," she said. "People treat it like it's a big day-long parade."

The preparation she put into this race not only gave her a personal best performance, but allowed her to thoroughly enjoy the marathon and everything related to it.

"I didn't want to be so focused on my race that I was ignoring all the stuff going on around me. Honestly, the crowds along the marathon route are unbelievable," she said.

Some places on the route, she said, the spectators were four and five rows deep.

It's what makes the event memorable.

Near the halfway point, she could hear fans at the "scream tunnel" located near the women's post-secondary institution, Wellesley College.

"You can hear the screaming from half a mile away. It's that loud and you come running in it's just this roar. I was running along and high fiving people," she said.

The Boston Marathon is known for an unforgettable finish.

When you near the end, any marathon is tough, but in the Boston Marathon it is marked by Heartbreak Hill. It's a grade that isn't as challenging as anything here in the Highlands, but that doesn't make it any easier after hours of running, Shikaze said.

The fans help the only way they know.

"It's like their cheers carry you up the hill," she said.

She said when she ran her other Boston Marathons social media wasn't part of the landscape. The support she received because of it enriched her experience.

Shikaze appreciated it all, whether it was people following her race in real time or the congratulatory comments posted on her Facebook page.

"I was really touched by the fact people were really into it," she said.

Running is a solitary sport so to know people were there on her run was special.

"I run by myself all the time. The fact it mattered to so many other people was really ... I found that humbling," she said.

The same week Shikaze finished the marathon she was officially announced as the Minden community torchbearer for the Pan Am Games Relay when it comes on June 4.

HCPL's Book of the Month

Somewhere in France by Jennifer Robson

In the dark and dangerous days of the First World War, a daring young woman will risk her life to find her destiny. Lady Elizabeth Neville-Ashford wants to travel the world, pursue a career, and marry for love. But in 1914, the stifling restrictions of aristocratic British society and her mother's rigid expectations forbid Lilly from following her heart. When war breaks out, the spirited young woman seizes her chance for independence becoming an ambulance driver in the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps — an exciting and treacherous job that takes her close to the Western Front. Assigned to a field hospital in France, Lilly is reunited with Robert Fraser, her dear brother Edward's best friend. Fearful for her life, he's determined to keep her safe, even if it means breaking her heart. In a world divided by class and filled with uncertainty and death, can their hope for love survive... or will it become another casualty of this tragic war?

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Nowhere moment

ONTARIO'S HIGHLANDS Tourism Organization has taken a risk with this summer's marketing campaign, presenting the region that stretches from the Ottawa Valley to Haliburton County as "nowhere" to potential tourists.

Coupled with a multi-layered advertising campaign (including a social media component asking visitors to share their #NowhereMoment), OHTO is hoping that well-off urbanites will pick up on messages of unplugging, relaxing and going "nowhere."

That nowhere, of course, is Ontario's Highlands, which includes the Haliburton Highlands.

As a senior strategist of Karo, the marketing firm that created the campaign, told a group of tourism stakeholders last week, our region is going against the grain and trying a new approach. While other regions are selling themselves by place and activity (for example, the Bruce region might show images of the escarpment), this region is drawing travellers by the feeling they can expect to have.

The target audience is made of "busy people [with] busy lives, looking for an opportunity to disconnect to reconnect," Marc Whitehead told the group. These are people "who dream of a more peaceful, real and introspective place where they can go and see nobody if they wish, do nothing if they prefer and no one will bother them."

Predictably, some attendees were skeptical about the approach. Who wants to brand themselves as "nowhere"? Many can recall having city friends ask them what they do "in the middle of nowhere," which may be why the label chafes. Others liked the idea and said it reminded them of their first encounters with the peacefulness of the Highlands.

It's important to note that this is the summer campaign of OHTO and is not

supposed to be the permanent slogan for the region. It is messaging to capture the imaginations of a very specific group of people: young urbanites with no kids and lots of money to spend. The intent is to catch their attention with a new approach and then get them thinking of how they want to get away from it all to a quiet place.

That in itself isn't really a problem.

The issue likely to arise is asking local people to present themselves as being "nowhere" to incoming tourists. It's one thing to send out a message in a poster at Spadina Station asking people to visit nowhere. It's another to greet them at the resort with a pin on your jacket that says "Welcome to Nowhere."

An OHTO report from 2011 says this of the region: "Of the 13 tourism regions within the province of Ontario, Ontario's Highlands is the most underperforming, with only 2.5 per cent of the provincial share of regional visitor spending in 2008."

It goes on to point out that there are few fully developed attractions, historical sites, etc., in comparison to other

regions.

With that in mind, it makes sense to reach out to city dwellers with a feeling rather than follow the crowd and potentially fall short.

But it is a risk. A word like "nowhere" can easily be taken the wrong way and it is unlikely many local people will want to take up the moniker.

Maybe that doesn't matter. As Whitehead told the group, his job is not to appeal to residents who have discovered the beauty of the Highlands – it is to grab the attention of those who don't really care where the Highlands is and get them to come here and spend money.

Let's see if that concept will go somewhere.



jenn watt

Editorial



Finally, spring has sprung

by Darren Lum

Terrific Tuesdays in the village

"Discount Day in the Village" or "Come to Town Tuesdays" or maybe "Haliburton Happening Day in the Village" or even "On the Town Tuesdays." Which one do you like? Do you have a better suggestion? We are making Tuesdays in Haliburton Village our one-of-a-kind super great Haliburton Village BIA day for store discounts, specials and village happenings. It could be seniors' discounts in one store or family discounts in another or maybe "Toonie Tuesdays" in some others. How about a "Food Bank Tuesday" where your donation of a needed food bank item gets you a discount? And don't forget we already have our wonderful Haliburton Farmers' Market every Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m. The Rails End Gallery is presenting, with the support of the Canadian Museums Association, a weekly summer happening with our very own Rails End Gallery members who are volunteering their time and talents. It's called Artist Member Demos and it takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. on the gallery patio on Tuesdays all summer long. And, speaking of museums, the Haliburton Highlands Museum is planning Weekly Heritage Walks on...yes you guessed it...Tuesdays! In addition, you are going to love this year's lineup for the Rotary Club's Music in the Park Tuesday summer concerts and I'll bet you are not surprised to learn the new Hop On, Hop Off bus will be stopping in Haliburton Village on Tuesdays.

BIA in



Gail Stelter

the village

Our big Tuesdays BIA day is not waiting for summer. We're gearing up and starting later this month and we're going to keep it going all year long! My mind is bursting with ideas! I am ready to get going and excited to be working with our BIA members to plan and promote this. Love a new project!

Added to all this, May in the village is bursting with spring sales and fun times! Come to town for the *Grease* sing-along at the Haliburton Legion on May 9. Take in the grand reopening event at Walkers Home Hardware May 8, 9 and 10 with the chain cutting ceremony on May 8 at 10:30 a.m., the Lions Club charity barbecue May 9th and, great music and good fun with wonderful local radio announcers! That's right, Canoe and Moose live on location! Then, make sure you come to town for the first day of the Farmers' Market on May 19 and mark May 29, 30 and 31 on your

calendar and come to the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show at the arena and curling club. No matter when and why you come to town, please always remember your support of our village businesses is always appreciated. Please shop locally. Shop where you heart is.

More good news! The Haliburton Village BIA is pleased to welcome Autumn Smith as our new ColourFest co-ordinator. Autumn's experience and enthusiasm are sure to make this another great year for our fall festival. If you are interested in joining the ColourFest Committee or have any questions for Autumn, please contact her at info@colourfest.ca.



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points of view

King of the hens

AS I WRITE THIS we are only a few days into our wild turkey season and I have already discovered two things. First, the ladies find me irresistible. Second, these days when I say ladies I mean hen turkeys.

That's right. I have not filled a tag yet. Nor have I heard a gobbler's lusty response. But I have called in quite a few hens.

You are not allowed to shoot hens unless they have a beard, which seems somehow unfair, by the way.

That's why I'm pleased to announce that, thus far, all the hens have been clean shaven.

Frankly, I am always conflicted when I see a bearded hen. One part of me says, "Take it. It's legal game." The other part, however, says "That poor hen has probably had a rough enough life already. Leave it be."

Honestly, it can't be easy being female with a beard. The way I figure the toms and jakes in the flock could go two ways on this.

First, they could find her repulsive and call her mean turkey names – it'd be the

Rudolph scenario all over again. And that would be hurtful.

On the other hand, they just might find a beard on a hen incredibly attractive in an exotic sort of way. If that's the case, it's probably even worse for the hen in question. And not just because of the catcalling she'd receive when passing a bunch of male turkeys on a construction site.

No, it's even more insidious than that.

The way I figure it, if all the males really like a hen, that probably means all the other females probably hate her.

So basically it's a no win situation.

Having been in a similar situation, I know exactly how a bearded hen feels. When I was younger, females either found my wispy beard too repulsive or they might have found me far too attractive to actually date or even talk to. I'm still not sure.

These are the only explanations I can come up with that make any sense at all.

Similarly, other males were incredibly jealous and used to give me wedgies as a result. Again, that probably explains it.

As a result, I have a soft spot for bearded hens. True, I shot one a few years back – mostly because I was jealous her beard was fuller and better kept than my own.

I doubt I'll ever shoot another, however.

In fact, I can honestly say that every hen is safe around me – which is a good thing to say if you are a turkey hunter but a bad thing to say in an interview, especially if you are applying for a job at a poultry farm.

Maybe that's why hens are gravitating to me this hunting season. Perhaps they realize that I'm no threat to them at all.

I'm disappointed with the way they are thanking me, however.

Would it kill them to lure in that big jerk of a gobbler who harasses them day in and day out?

You'd think they'd want to do this. After all, a boss gobbler is a notorious, arrogant bully and playboy. He struts around, acts like he's irresistible and breeds with any female who gives him any indication she's remotely interested. He probably promises the world too.

In any other world, that would be enough to get the male shot.

Turkeys are different though. Which is why, I suspect, the males play the field.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo of the Emmerson Dam in Haliburton comes from Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong's collection of pictures. Kim Emmerson, who maintains the dam today, says he thinks the photo was likely taken in the 1950s.

letters to the editor

V&S a cottage favourite

Re: "V&S news saddens reader"

I agree with last month's letter. I am a 47-year cottager in this area. My daughter and I, love to shop at all the shops in town and V&S is the greatest for shoes, boots, clothes and household items for the cottage. We start our Christmas shopping in July and this is where we start. There are so

many great shops and we shop them all. It also is a great place to grab a bite to eat, a snack or a full course meal.

Thanks Haliburton!

Carol Nicholl
Stormy Lake

Forgotten skates and kind acts

To the Editor,

I was recently reminded just how fortunate I am to live and raise my family in a small town like Haliburton. Last week, after dropping my son's hockey skates off to be sharpened at JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports I somehow managed to forget to return and pick them up. By the time I realized my mistake it was long after closing time. In a panic, I phoned owner JoAnne, explaining that he was scheduled to be on the ice in less than two hours. Without a moment of hesitation JoAnne told me to meet her there in five minutes. In true community (and hockey) spirit she arrived (with Richard, Burton and Wilson along

for the ride) with a smile on her face, she opened up the store and let me retrieve my son's skates. She then proceeded to give me a hug and tell me not to worry as I apologized for my forgetfulness! JoAnne (and her entourage) had saved the day and my son Isaac was able to continue on to the rink. This was not an emergency situation, it would not have hurt my son to miss a night at the arena, but JoAnne went above and beyond to ensure that he wouldn't miss out. Thank you JoAnne Sharpley for reminding me how fortunate I am to live in Haliburton!

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Musings

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Mother's Day is such a special holiday, celebrated all around the world in one way or another. It is the day that we pay tribute to the selfless giving of our own mothers or those who fulfill that role. It is also a day to honour maternal bonds and rec-

ognize the influence of all mothers in society. Historic and modern traditions include feasts, handmade gifts, cards, candies, flowers and my personal favourite, breakfast in bed.

In the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is called Mothering Sunday. During medieval times, children who had been farmed out to work in manors and stately homes as domestic servants were given a rare day off to visit their "home" churches and their families. Gifts of Mothering Cakes or Simnel cakes were shared along with bouquets of hand-picked flowers.

The norm in France is a family dinner often followed by a cake that looks like a bunch of flowers. Feasts of all types fig-



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ure prominently in several South American countries as well. Christine Gross-Loh, author of *Parenting Without Borders* notes that Mother's Day is second only to Christmas in commercialization in Brazil.

Both Japan and Australia rely heavily on the giving of carnations. In Japan, the carnation symbolizes the gentle strength of mothers while in Australia it is the colour of the carnation that is important – coloured flowers representing a mother who is living while white honours mothers who have passed. Australians also use chrysanthemums in bouquets as most moms are called "mums".

As I walked through the garden today, I paused to look at buds on the forsythia and thought about my mother. Mom passed away last year, but she gave me "forever" gifts – the most significant being my love of flowers and gardens. While her preferred time of year was the fall with the brilliant reds, yellows and oranges of the trees, her favourite shrub was always the forsythia. I wish I knew why this was such a special plant

for her.

Perhaps it was because it grew in such varied climatic conditions. There was a beautiful specimen in front of my grandmother's house in Arkansas where my mother grew up. Later in her life, there was forsythia by the side of the garage at the edge of the desert in Nevada. Her last home in Massachusetts had a row of forsythia shrubs pruned into a box-like hedge by my dad, the NON-gardener. (He also pruned the azaleas into boxes much to Mom's chagrin.)

Every part of the country, in each part of her life the forsythia was by her side. It always reminds me of her and makes me smile. And it reminds me how she made me who I am today.

You see, on Mother's Day we really honour the gifts that we were given. Whether it was sewing or skiing, cooking or computing, golfing or gardening – say thanks. I did by planting forsythia at our home here in Tory Hill. And Mom, it is ready to bloom – I love you to bits.

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Staff Reporter

There were a lot of smiles on the faces of students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on May 1 and not just because it was a Friday.

Students lined up with plates in hand to enjoy a hot breakfast of pancakes topped off with a Haliburton trademark, maple syrup.

The breakfast was part of the weekly Food for Kids student nutrition program, however the pancakes and syrup were an unusual sweet treat.

"This is awesome," said one student after finishing off her meal.

The syrup was made by students in the



school's Practical Academic Life Skills class, under the direction of teacher Mike Gervais.

After receiving a program enhancement grant from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Gervais purchased equipment to make the syrup and he and the students learned together.

The class tapped trees in behind the school with the help of the high school, as well as working with Camp Can Aqua and watching YouTube videos, said Gervais.

"It was way more work than we ever anticipated," he said.

With the money from the grant the teacher bought a propane burner, a stainless steel pan and 25 spiles and buckets.

"Each student got to bring home a jar of syrup," said Gervais. "They designed their own labels."

Wanting to share the fruits of their labour with the entire student population, Gervais contacted Food for Kids co-ordinator Aaron Walker, who incorporated the syrup into one of the breakfasts.

Volunteers made and served about 275 pancakes and three litres of maple syrup to approximately 140 kids.

"Mike's syrup was a big hit," said volunteer Jim St. John.

Students could be heard thanking volunteers over and over again for the breakfast.

Food for Kids has more than 50 volunteers, however more are needed for Stuart Baker Elementary School.

Grade 5 student Jonah Aldon enjoys some strawberries with his pancakes and maple syrup. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



Food for Kids volunteer Jim St. John, left, pours some maple syrup on a stack of pancakes at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on Friday, May 1. Volunteers made close to 300 pancakes for about 140 students. Volunteers made close to 300 pancakes for about 140 students.



Students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School got a sweet treat last Friday when three litres of maple syrup made by the students themselves was served on pancakes as part of the Food for Kids student nutrition program.



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HHOA brings back family fun day

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

After a decade-long hiatus, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association reintroduced their Hatchery Family Fun Day this past weekend, which was resoundingly popular with the community.

More than 600 people made their way to the Fish Hatchery on County Road 1 for a sun-filled day of games, fishing, archery lessons, wildlife shows, a hunting dog demonstration, face painting and much more. A barbecue was provided by the Haliburton Lions Club.

A popular spot was the fishing tank, where about 150 rainbow trout were brought in from a fish farm in Lindsay, said HHOA president Rex Henry.

Children of all ages got to try their hand at the sport, and then take home any fish they caught (after they were cleaned for free by volunteers) to enjoy for supper.

The idea to bring back the family fun day, which was originally organized by the local organization about 10 to 15 years ago, was thought up by HHOA board member Larry Hewitt.

Initially introduced to bring awareness to the community about the HHOA and its mandate, this year's family fun day was held for the same reason, he said.

"I feel the community should be aware of what we're doing," he said, which includes teaching kids about fishing and more.

In the works for the past few months, the board is hoping to host the event annually. This year's family fun day had help from high school students who volunteered their time.

The HHOA currently has 350 members, however there are even more who just volunteer their time to feed the fish raised at the hatchery, said Hewitt.

Three-year-old Ty Neville gets a hand and a laugh shooting a fire hose at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's Family Fun Day at the Fish Hatchery on Saturday May 2. The day-long event brought more than 600 people to the organization's hatchery on County Road 1 for games, activities, a live animal show, dog demonstration, archery, fishing and more. A barbecue was done by the Haliburton Lions Club. The family fun day was organized by members of the HHOA board to bring more awareness of the local group's efforts to the community. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



This owl, who is known as Dr. Hoo, was one of the many animals that was brought in by Speaking of Wildlife to entertain children and educate them on a variety of species at the HHOA Family Fun Day. Dr. Hoo has been used in children's television shows and is a bird of prey.



Five-year-old Chloe Abbott enjoys a slide down the end of the obstacle course at Family Fun Day.



Devonte Casey-Palmer, left, and Kemauhi Casey-Russell were all smiles at Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 2 held at the Fish Hatchery. Kids of all ages enjoyed face painting, a bouncy castle, obstacle course, games and more. More than 600 people flocked to the event.



Close to 150 rainbow trout were swimming in the sun while kids tried their hand at fishing at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's Family Fun Day. Fish that were caught were cleaned for free by volunteers. The HHOA is hoping to make it an annual event.



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Lions take over Pinestone

Dr. Dennis Cobler, a former director of Lions International, speaks at the conference for District A-16 at the Pinestone April 25. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Creative banners from Lions clubs throughout District A-16 adorned the walls.



Minden Lion Daryl Moore hangs banners during the convention for Lions District A-16 at the Pinestone April 25.

More reasons to Dig In

JENN WATT

Editor

Growing, cooking and preserving food doesn't look the same from one home to the next – especially in the Haliburton Highlands. While some find themselves with flat land and good soil, many others live on forested lots, in apartment buildings or renting small spaces that make a traditional veggie garden impossible.

That doesn't mean eating fresh food or learning how to can carrots is impractical.

A series of workshops called Dig In, now entering its third year, seeks to make healthful food a priority whether it be learning how to grow garnishes for salads, ferment kimchi or plant sweet potatoes.

"It's a really great opportunity to casually get together with people from the community and draw from their knowledge," says Irene Heaven, education coordinator at Abbey Gardens.

Dig In workshops are orchestrated as a partnership between Abbey Gardens, SIRCH Community Services and the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

In April, the Grow Your Own Garnish workshop yielded 11 participants who met in Gooderham to learn a new skill. The facilitator, Barbara Kraus of Tamarack Lodge, brought in herbs and taught par-

ticipants how to make a few dishes.

"The nice thing about it is we're drawing on local expertise," says Heaven.

The next workshop, Down To Earth, is about soil and is run by three familiar names: Pauline Plooard, Liz Case and Janice Hardy. Participants will learn about why good soil is important and how to improve the soil on their property.

Dig In offers workshops for more advanced food enthusiasts as well as beginners and workshops take advantage of community space around the county.

Heaven says the workshops fit well with the mandate of her organization, which is to provide education on how to grow food, the importance of local food and to be accessible to the public.

She says it is "really powerful" to see community members learning from each other, becoming motivated and inspired to learn new things and build skill.

An introduction to gardening has been offered regularly, but other workshops have either built on previously learned skills (the kimchi and canning workshops in the fall both require some prior knowledge) or take a new angle on food (Hide and Seek is about how to "hide" fruits and veggies in food to get kids eating better).

To register for an upcoming Dig In Workshop, call Heaven at 705-457-4769 or irene@abbeygardens.ca or go online to register at www.abbeygardens.ca.

Upcoming Workshops

Down To Earth (about healthy soil)

May 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$15, subsidized spots available.

Where: Dorset Community Garden/Portico Timberframe

Short Season Sweet Potatoes

June 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$15, subsidized spots available

Where: Abbey Gardens

Blanching and Freezing Your Harvest

Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$15, subsidized spots available

Where: Club 35 (Highway 35 near Halls Lake)

Fun With Fermenting

Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$15, subsidized spots available

Where: SIRCH Community Kitchen, Haliburton United Church

Veggies Hide and Seek

Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$15, subsidized spots available

Where: Minden Food Centre, 12 Newcastle St., Minden

Canning for Christmas

Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Med student signs on for Highlands East

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Megan Fitzgerald will be returning to the area she calls home after signing an agreement to set up a medical practice in the area.

The agreement is between Highlands East and Hastings County, who will pay Fitzgerald \$150,000 over a six-year period. Part of the Hastings County Family Physician Recruitment Program, medical students are given \$25,000 per year for six years while they complete their studies.

Highlands East will be responsible for paying \$12,500 a year starting this year, said chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

On April 30 Hastings County Warden Rick Phillips announced through a press release that Fitzgerald had signed on to practise family medicine in the neighbouring areas, splitting her time between the two.

Once she graduates from university Fitzgerald will be practising in both Wilberforce and Bancroft, splitting her time equally.

"Having grown up in the area around Bancroft and Wilberforce, it's a place that's very special to me," said Fitzgerald in the release. "To have this program available to me in my home area and serve some of the needs in the area, I am very thankful."

At their April 13 meeting of council, Highlands East councillors agreed to enter into a medical services agreement with Hastings County to bring Fitzgerald to the area.

Following the meeting Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton told the paper he was excited about the agreement and that it meant good news for the residents of Highlands East.

"The signing of Megan Fitzgerald under this joint agreement shows how municipalities can work together for the common good of our residents," said Phillips in



Medical student Megan Fitzgerald officially signed on to be a doctor in the municipalities of Highlands East and Hastings County upon graduating from post-secondary school. Fitzgerald, who is from the area, will be paid \$150,000 by the two government bodies, in exchange for her agreeing to set-up her practice in the area. She will split her time between Bancroft and Wilberforce. /Submitted

the release.

Fitzgerald has agreed to set-up her practice in Hastings

County and Highlands East for a minimum of five years. She is expected to graduate in 2018.

This Week In...

Stories from our archives

2005 (Tuesday, May 3)

Rotarians vow to take back the beach

The birds will have to go elsewhere, taking their antibiotic-resistant pathogens with them.

A recent study, expected to be published in June in the *Journal of Emerging Infectious Diseases*, has revealed that Canada goose guano is more than unsightly, it is also a real threat to human health since it can carry antibiotic-resistant pathogens.

After years of Canada geese dominance the club is taking back Rotary Beach and the surrounding area with a few new ideas.

On Sunday morning more than 15 members and concerned citizens installed a one-foot high fence around the shoreline of the park to prevent Canada geese from getting into the park.

Rotary member John Beachli is resolute in his goal to reclaim the beach and the surrounding park area.

"It's time to get it back...to take it back from the birds," he said.

1995 (Tuesday, May 2)

Police nab escaped convict

An escaped convict originally from the Minden area was caught by Minden OPP officers early Sunday morning as he attempted to flee the scene of a break-in at Westside Jug City in Haliburton.

Police are crediting the convict's arrest to a quick-thinking passerby who discovered the break-in in progress, notified police and waited at the scene until they arrived.

The 24-year-old male suspect has been at large from Frontenac Prison near Kingston for about a year, where he was serving time for a long list of break and enters, according to the Minden OPP.



A long way from Haliburton

Haliburton's name can make it to some unlikely places. On a recent trip to Zanzibar in East Africa, friends of the Ward family took this photo of a busy marketplace. It wasn't until they got home and looked at their photos closely that they noticed the man in the centre is wearing a red Haliburton Boy Scout Troop 461 T-shirt. Likely the shirt made its way to Africa bundled up in a charity package. Submitted by Art Ward

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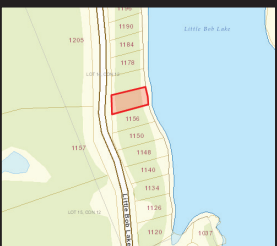


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Good mental health starts in infancy

JENN WATT

Editor

New research indicates that mental health issues that surface in childhood or adulthood could have their start in the first years of life.

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time in Haliburton, says that the way humans are treated as infants can change the way their brains and bodies develop with far-reaching consequences.

Toxic stress response is one manifestation of neglect in infancy. It occurs when a caregiver is chronically unresponsive to a baby's needs. When traumatic experiences happen to the baby, if there is no adult there to support that child, it can affect the very structure of the brain itself, leading to problems throughout life.

Every child needs an adult "whose eyes light up" when they see each other, Cox says. If that's not there, the ability to cope is hindered.

Cox says thinking around childhood development and mental health is changing and people are learning how crucial the first years of life are. Even though infants can't communicate complex thoughts about how they're feeling, what happens around them does affect them.

"It's surprising how much that matters," Cox says.

One statistic given out at a recent conference on children's mental health was that 17 per cent of children between ages two and five have a mental health issue.

"That's a shocking statistic: Seventeen per

cent of infants that are not able to have their needs met," she says.

That is why it is so important that the primary caregiver is tuned in to the needs of the baby, she says.

Stress on a child who isn't supported by an adult leads to prolonged stress response, which can damage the heart, contribute to diabetes and predispose the child to depression later in life, according to Harvard University's website dedicated to the issue.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and during this time Cox says she wants to emphasize the importance of careful attention to children.

"You can't underestimate the impact of your interaction with a child," she says. "The more people infants, toddlers or children have in their lives that communicate with them, the more resilient that child will be."

Quality time with children has a positive impact on a child's development. Anything from playing peek-a-boo to singing or reading all lay the groundwork for better health in the future.

Point in Time has mental health services and early developmental services for children, which are only a phone call away. They offer advice, screening, strategy development and support for children and families.

Cox says she would like to see more people taking mental health as seriously as they do physical health.

"People don't hesitate to seek help when their child has a broken leg. Mental health is just as important," she says.

Point In Time can be contacted at 705-457-5345 or at pointintime.ca. Their offices are open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Pizza for Kids

Janine Papadopoulos, owner of Into the Blue Pizza spreads pesto on a soon-to-be pesto-pine nut pizza for the Bank of Montreal's fundraiser for Kids Help Phone on Friday, May 1. Into the Blue was brought in by BMO for the fundraiser. BMO also did a book sale and a bake sale to raise money. Wannan said bringing pizza seemed like an innovative way to raise money. They raised \$700. JENN WATT Staff

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Sports



The Red Hawks junior soccer players run for a loose ball in a throw-in drill during a practice on Wednesday, April 29 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The juniors and seniors will host the Spartans of Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute for their home opener. Games start with seniors at 3 p.m. followed by the juniors./DARREN LUM Staff

Striking at team goals for success

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

This season will be more than just wins and losses says the Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team head coach Amy Klose

She said rather than focusing on the season record, the team is intent on setting its sights on hitting team goals to measure progress this season.

The team decided to focus on ball possession and communica-

tion, which is the hallmark of a good team, she said.

The team's ability to execute will be measured through game tallies that will be taken by players not in the lineup. They will record number of passes and where they are made to "wins of ball."

Although the team opened its season with a road loss, the team will benefit from early information gathered through the statistics collection.

The coach has noticed the team's tendency to work the ball up the middle of the field. She will be encouraging her players to use the wings more.

Klose, who has been impressed by the team's "raw" talent, said the team has athleticism and pace.

"There's lots of fitness, lots of speed so we're in good shape," she said.



The Red Hawks junior soccer player Rebecca Hamilton gets a shot off during a practice./DARREN LUM Staff





Minden residents Curtis and Micheon Hutchings installed similar system in Nicaragua last January. Barry Hart in centre with Kevin Dyck of Ottawa and Rick Barrett of Orillia.

Local charity to help in Nepal

Water Ambassadors Canada is stepping up to help the people of Nepal following the earthquakes that have killed thousands in that country and left many without shelter, food or water.

Water Ambassadors was founded in Haliburton 13 years ago and is a registered Canadian humanitarian water agency. They drill and repair wells, install water chlorination and filtration systems, distribute Sawyer filters and teach hygiene. They have worked in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Haiti, The Dominican Republic, DR Congo, The Philippines and have done some work in Uganda and Kenya.

"We send short-term water teams to do the work. Many of your neighbours in Haliburton County have been on these teams helping to give clean water," said founder Barry Hart.

"We also were involved in Haiti and The Philippines after those disasters," he said.

After disaster responders leave, Water Ambassadors installs small water purification systems for the immediate and long-term use. This gives a safe water supply for years to come. The WaterStep M-100 chlorinator can purify up to 40,000 litres of water daily using a handful of salt and a car battery.

Each unit costs \$1,000 and Water Ambassadors hopes to ship 90 of them to Nepal to be installed by trained Nepalese people.

To that end, Hart hopes local people will donate to the cause.

"I do not expect people to divert their normal charitable giving to this project," Hart said. "This is one of those special emergency 'dig deep' moments."

If you want to help donate online at www.waterambassadorscanada.org or send a cheque to Water Ambassadors Canada 45 Sheppard Ave. East #900 Toronto ON M2N 5W9.



Hockey champs ride through town

The Highland Storm Peewee B hockey team and Midget girls hockey team rode on a fire truck through Haliburton Village on Sunday, May 3 to celebrate both teams winning the all Ontario championship title this past winter. The drive through town was in honour of a past tradition, done to celebrate hockey teams and their successes. The teams also rode through Minden later the same day. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Exhibition fights homophobia

Be Our Ally, a project giving voice to youth in the LGBTQ community, opens at the Rails End Gallery officially on Thursday, May 7 with reception from 4 to 7 p.m.

The project combines new interactive theatre, photography, soundscape and music "to give new words and voices to youth who have often been branded and labelled as outlaws in their communities," according to a press release.

People from the LGBTQ community are more likely to become the targets of hate crimes and discrimination.

Be Our Ally also includes a play of the same name, which will be performed at the high school to the student body earlier in the day.

The exhibition includes the song "Bey-outiful," which was written by David Sereda and students from three elementary school gay-straight alliances in Owen Sound.

Be Our Ally was facilitated by Joan Chandler, David Sereda and Anna Gaby-Trotz. The exhibition will be on until May 16 at Rails End Gallery, open Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Auxiliary invests in health care

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary recently marked this year's spending with members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services staff. The nearly \$69,000 donation went to a bariatric chair for triage; blender parts for food services; security camera for gazebo in Highland Wood; stove for programs for Highland Wood; pressure mattress systems; stretcher mattresses for ER; Christmas gifts for highland wood residents; HAAG-Streit slit lamp; dining chairs and tables for Highland Wood plus chairs for the lounge area; wheelchair desk; trauma stretcher lift lite folding chair; lead apron and curtains for X-ray dept; curtains & tracks for acute care; blinds for dining room Highland Wood. From left, staff members April Decarlo, Nancy Wood-Roberts, Jen Castaldi, Dr. Greg Karaguesian, auxiliary member Doris Laine, auxiliary president Tracey Lear, Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian, auxiliary members Debra Dart, Diane Smith and Rose Connaughan. The next fundraiser is the annual Geranium Lunch and Loonie Auction on May 24. For tickets call 705-457-1235. Photo submitted by the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

Lip balm family faces CBC Dragons

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

After much anticipation the Barton family finally got their time in front of the CBC Dragons when they went to tape an episode of the popular television show *Dragons' Den* on April 28.

The local family of four pitched their line of animal-inspired lip balms, called BeBe Bartoons, to the panel of judges and what resulted was an episode that will be worth watching, said Michelle Barton.

"It was great," she said in an email to the paper. "Such a cool experience ... one of the dragons was pretty aggressive with us but we held our own. They loved our passion for the product."

The taping took place at the CBC stu-

dio in downtown Toronto and included Michelle, her husband Andrew and their two daughters Danielle and Heather.

"The girls thought it was pretty cool," said Michelle. "They had people do hair and make-up so they felt pretty special. They were the only kids there."

Michelle said the girls were involved in part of the pitch to the Dragons, but it came down to Michelle and Andrew to answer the hard questions.

"We did an intro pitch and then the girls gave the Dragons samples of the BeBe Bartoons and then they said goodbye to the Dragons and Andrew and I were left to face the Dragons," she wrote in an email.

The episode is scheduled to air sometime in the fall on CBC.

BeBe Bartoons are available for sale locally as well as online.



A tasty tradition

Local Girl Guides, like Morgan Phillips, centre, were selling their famous cookies on May 2 at Todd's Independent to raise funds for the organization. Annual cookie sales are the only fundraiser for the local organization, which uses money raised to help subsidize trips such as a recent one to Great Wolf Lodge. For \$5 a box, customers were lining up to support the Haliburton Girl Guides, who sold more than 80 boxes. Some were even buying the cookies to give to relatives from Germany, who had never tried them before. Anyone interested in the local Girl Guides can contact haliburton.guiding@gmail.com. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Notice



HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES – PALLIATIVE CARE ADDITION PROJECT PREQUALIFICATION INVITATION

General Contractors are invited to submit PRE-QUALIFICATION information for the proposed Palliative Care addition to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Haliburton Hospital. The project's scope of work includes a new wood structure addition, slab on grade, finishing, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, landscape and civil works.

Estimated construction value is \$700,000. The addition gross floor area is approximately 1,300 ft².

General Contractors who wish to be considered for pre-qualification to bid on this project must submit the following information by mail/courier complete with a combined electronic copy (on CD or USB in .pdf format), or sent as an electronic transmission (in a combined .pdf format file not exceeding 10MB) to the Architect:

1. Completed Canadian Standard Form of Contractor's Qualification Statement (CCDC Form 11).
2. Current Certificate of Clearance from WSIB and CAD-7 Certificate indicating injury frequency in the past five (5) years.
3. Description of experience with projects of similar size and type completed in a healthcare environment within the last five (5) years.
4. Letters of reference from two (2) recent clients. (Note: Owner and Consultant reserve the right to check references).
5. Resumes of supervisory personnel who would be assigned to this project.
6. Written verification from a recognized Surety Company that they will issue the applicant a 10% Bid Bond, and 50% Performance, Labour and Materials Bonds, if awarded the contract.
7. Written verification of liability insurance including limits of liability.
8. Written Bank verification of credit to undertake this project.
9. A letter authorizing HHHS to verify credit reference from their Bank, Surety Company and Insurance Carrier. Acceptable references are a prerequisite to pre-qualification.

Pre-qualified General Contractors will be invited to submit offers to perform the work associated with this project. No more than seven (7) pre-qualified General Contractors will be considered. Sub-contractors are not pre-qualified. General Contractors shall receive all sub-trade prices and incorporate these into a Stipulated Sum offer. No contractual relationship is intended nor implied to exist directly with the Owner as a result of the pre-qualification of sub-contractors by the Owner.

When the Project is tendered, the following will apply: General Contractors only shall submit with their tenders a Bid Bond in amount of 10% of Stipulated Price and an Agreement to Bond (for Performance Bond and Labour and Material Payment Bond, each in the amount of 50% of Contract Price plus HST). Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Submission of a response to this request for qualification does not oblige HHHS to prequalify a proponent. HHHS reserves the right to select those contractors deemed most suitable and qualified to undertake the project through consideration of the following evaluation criteria:

A. Hospital/Healthcare Renovation Experience	35%
B. Work Capacity and Project Team	25%
C. Financial and Insurance	20%
D. Health and Safety	10%
E. Letters and References	10%

This prequalification process does not oblige HHHS to enter into a contract with any proponent, nor does it guarantee that this project will proceed to the construction phase. In the event that a contract is awarded, it will be in the form of a CCDC2-2008 Stipulated Price Contract.

Submissions are to be clearly labeled as "Prequalification Submission for HHHS – Haliburton Hospital Palliative Care Addition" and must be received at Salter Pilon Architecture Inc.'s office or via email at the address indicated below no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015. Late submissions will be returned unopened. Please direct questions to: Mr. Ryan Stitt 705-737-3530 or rstitt@salterpilon.com. For early submission, if you have not received a confirmation of receipt by Wednesday May 27th please contact.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday June 1st, 2015
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Maher:
 - Purpose and Effect: The proposed zoning amendment will:
 - i) Designate a specific area on the mainland property for island parking and will limit parking to two (2) spaces.
 - ii) Zone the balance of the property to a site specific waterfront residential zone to recognize the reduce area on the lot for the primary use.
 - Zone change from WR4L to WR4L-xx and OS-xx.
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-014/15.
 - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 2, Lot 12, Plan 374, Geographic Township of Havelock (1025 Elmhurst Lane, Kennisiss Lake).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 5th day of May, 2015.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development

Experiential tourism 'ignites' in Ontario's Highlands

A group of tourism operators and stakeholders from the #MyHaliburtonHighlands region of Ontario's Highlands got a one-of-a-kind glimpse into the power and potential of experiential tourism during IGNITE Haliburton, an interactive event hosted by the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO).

Nineteen of OHTO's tourism partners, including Abbey Gardens, Dominion Hotel and Rails End Gallery, took time away from their busy schedules from April 13 and 16 to take part in a unique workshop held at Northern Edge Algonquin, an award-winning solar-powered nature retreat in the Explorer's Edge region of Ontario.

In place of large classrooms and conference spaces, participants got a peek behind the scenes at the business operations that make Northern Edge Algonquin so successful. They also stepped out into local communities, including the town of South River, to see first-hand how their neighbours and fellow tourism operators are making meaningful connections with their visitors by creating compelling experiences. By wandering the region's trails, meeting chefs who personally crafted their meals with local ingredients, and experiencing the activities, sights, flavours, stories and people of the region, participants were able to walk away with an understanding of what it takes for small communities, like those located in Ontario's Highlands, to differentiate themselves and create tourism experiences that resonate with the hearts and minds of their target visitors.

"Experiences stay with visitors, in the photos they share and the stories they tell over and over again," says Stephanie Hessel, OHTO's tourism development and industry relations co-ordinator and lead organizer of the IGNITE Haliburton event. "Over the last year, the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization has embraced a visitor-centric, experience-based approach to tourism. IGNITE offered us an exciting way to bring our new regional Come Wander brand platform to life, not only by sending our operators out to literally wander and disconnect in a nearby part of Ontario, but by igniting new relationships and ideas for



Tourism operators enjoyed a special experiential tourism event called IGNITE Haliburton.

product development. The result, we hope, will be new marketable experiences that speak to urban target markets, allow us to embrace our regional identity, and allow us to share our regional stories in a memorable way."

Participants have called the workshop "life changing," and will now begin the process of incorporating this learning into their businesses and organizations. Andrea Mueller, recreation program co-ordinator for the Municipality of Dysart

et al and IGNITE attendee, is one of them. "I was blown away by the group and how much we accomplished," she says. "I left feeling invigorated and excited, ready to create memorable experiences for visitors to the area and looking forward to unveiling some of these experiences in the months ahead. I have already had conversations with people that were at IGNITE Haliburton to discuss upcoming programs and events."

With the overwhelming success of the

program, the OHTO is looking for other communities who have a group of operators ready to commit to the experience development journey.

For more information about IGNITE Haliburton, please contact Stephanie Hessel at stephanie.hessel@ohto.ca or 1-855-629-6486. For information about OHTO's new brand platform, please contact Nicole Whiting at nicole.whiting@ohto.ca.

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RBC gives SIRCH fundraiser wings

SIRCH Community Services received a \$1,000 cheque from RBC Dominion Securities, in support of the SIRCH Release of the Butterflies event. This will be taking place on Sunday, June 14 at 1 pm at the Minden Cultural Centre. These are live butterflies people can release for a variety of reasons from celebration of an accomplishment, to honour someone, or in memory. If you wish to donate \$30, SIRCH will provide you with one Painted Lady butterfly to release at the event. For a \$100 donation you will secure four butterflies to release. Please contact SIRCH at 705-457-1742 to donate and secure a butterfly for the event or go to www.sirch.on.ca.

Pictured here accepting the cheque is Bonnie Roe chairwoman of the Release of the Butterfly committee on behalf of SIRCH, and RBC representative Beth O'Connor. All proceeds from this event will help fund the Bereavement Support Program at SIRCH. Photo by Marilyn Rydberg

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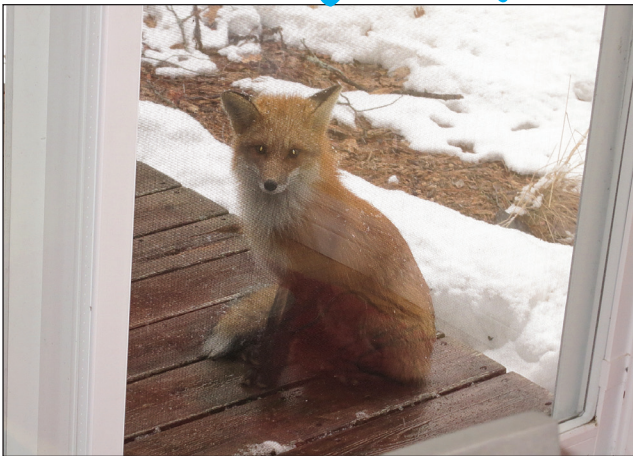
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Concert series kicks off

Members of the Gryphon Trio rehearse for their Haliburton concert on Saturday, May 3 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The classical musicians performed songs by Beethoven and Haydn as part of the Haliburton Concert Series. The next concert will take place on Sept. 26 featuring the Elmer Iseler Singers. From left, violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, pianist James Parker and cellist Roman Borys. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Wildlife in your backyard



This fox regularly visits Chris and Gordon Cochrane at their Haliburton Lake home.



Mike Donnelly in Mountain Lake submitted this photo of a hawk that flew into their front window April 30. After being dazed and confused for about 30 minutes, it continued on his way.



Laura and Barry Smith affectionately refer to this visitor as Sophie.

Storied property sold

community news

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Eleanor Cooper
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Lakeside Golf Course is now open for the season.

The property which in former years housed Hillcrest Haven is now sold along with the place known as Guilford House which replaced the original Sunset Cottage. The latter was home to Miss Annie Taylor, a deaconess who led the services at the time for St. Andrew's Anglican Church. The church was deconsecrated in 1987 and is a residence now owned by the Donnewalds.

Emile and Jane Duchene have recently visited their son Matthew in Denver, Colorado where they saw Matt in action three times and all three games were won by his team.

Scores for April 21 euchre

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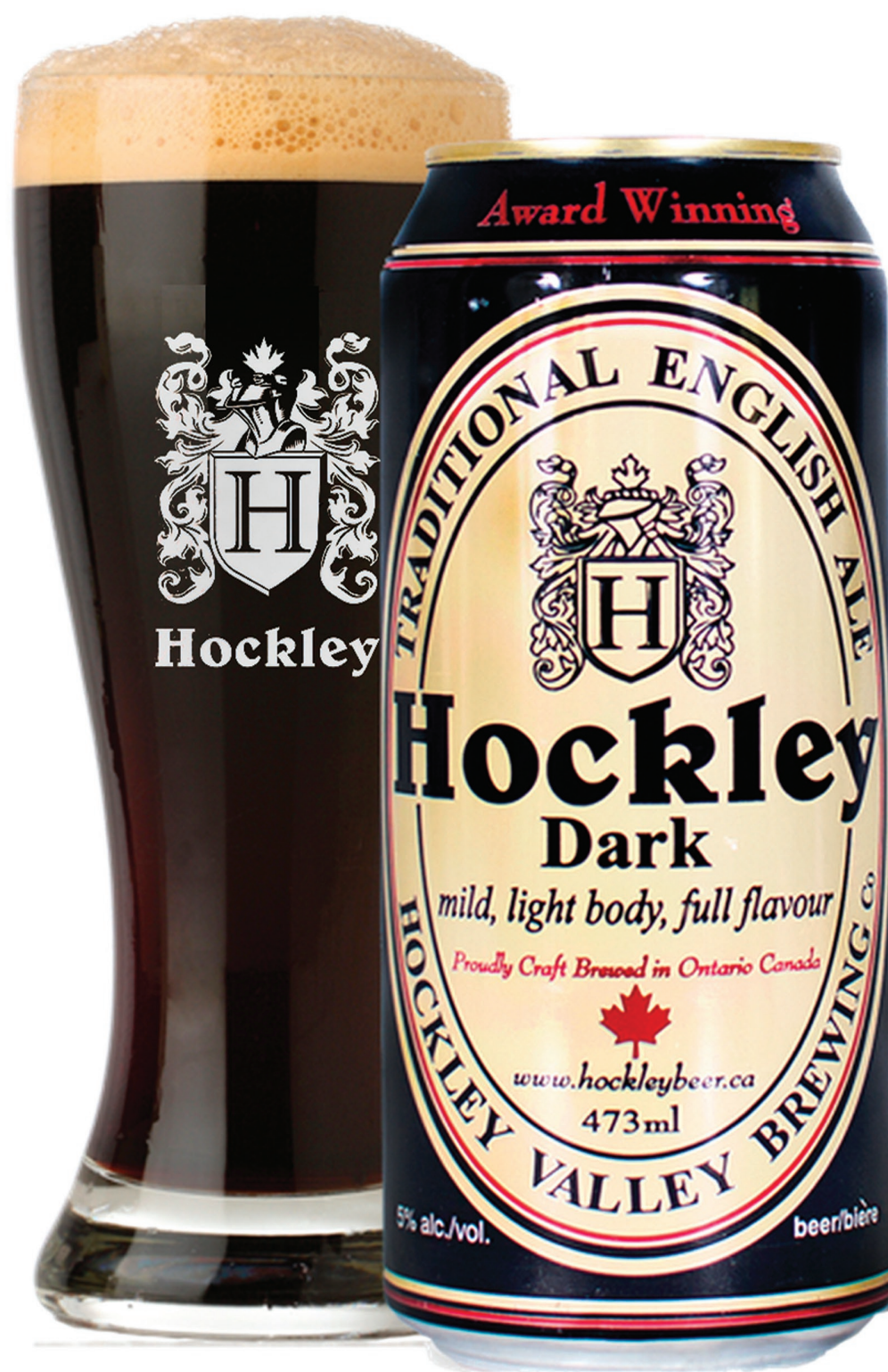
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Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Wednesday evening, April 29, 2015 from 7 - 9 p.m. A Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday morning, April 30, 2015 at 11 o'clock (visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service of Celebrate Lyn's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Room at the church. Cremation has taken place.

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LUXURY ON KASH LAKE

Over 3200sf living space. Guest bunkie/boathouse, det dbl grg w/insul workshop. Gourmet kitchen, massive windows, stone fp, master suite retreat & so much more.
\$1,180,000



5 LAKE CHAIN

Charming home or cottage with English country cottage feel. Post & beam, amazing views facing west, excellent shoreline.
\$999,000



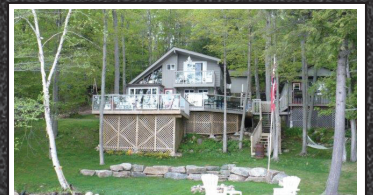
DRAG LAKE

Log & Timber Frame crafted 3200sf masterpiece. 4 season paradise on 318' frtg. Conveniently 5 minutes to village.
\$995,000



PEACEFUL LAKEFRONT PARADISE

Over 3000sf Upper Canada post & beam on 17 ac with only 4 other owners & Crown Land. Awesome features, trails, maple syrup bush, dbl garage, sauna & more!
\$799,999



LONG LAKE

1.5 stry cottage & 2BR winterized bunkie. Lakeside sauna, heated garage, Lots of decks & docking. Clean swimming, 2 lake chain.
\$564,500



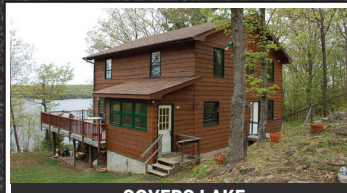
KENNISIS LAKE

4 season. Sunset exposure. Spacious level lot. Oak cabinetry, B/I appliances, cathedral ceiling, 3BR/2Bath. Great shoreline, large dock system.
\$495,000



BEAUTIFUL MOOSE LAKE

Spacious 3BR 4 season cott or home. Full fin bsmt, lg screen porch, sundeck w/glass panels, wood FP. Level lot, great shoreline, dbl garage & more! Watch sunsets from the dock.
\$485,000



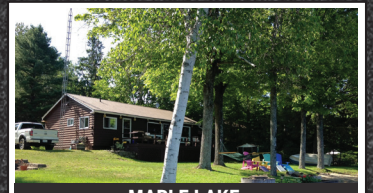
SOYERS LAKE

View, privacy chain. Clean, modern, maple wood burning tip. Main flr laundry.
\$479,000



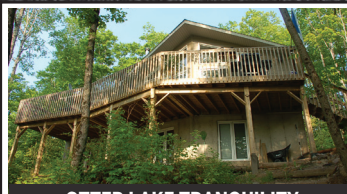
BREATHTAKING VIEW!

Unique & fun architecture. Custom spacious multi-level 4BR. Panoramic views in observatory off the master! Att dbl grg & det 3car grg. All on nearly 5 ac.
\$469,000



MAPLE LAKE

4br cott & separate 2BR. Leased property, pure sand shore, 3 lake chain.
\$449,750



OTTER LAKE TRANQUILITY

4 Season Royal Home/Cottage. 8.84 acres, 379 Ft. FRTG on a no motor lake. 3+2 BR. Open Concept, Fireplace, Large Windows, Spacious Deck.
\$439,900



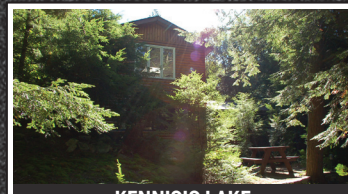
GLEN LAKE

Cottage in ski area! Spring fed lake - quiet & private. Sunset exposure. Fully furnished & move in ready.
\$433,000



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

4 season home or cottage. Close to village by boat or car. Open concept. Full fin bsmt. Cottage & then retire.
\$399,000



KENNISIS LAKE

Private lot with 320 ft frtg. 2 Bedrm cottage, sunporch, stone fireplace. 2 Stry bunkie a great retreat for guests. Beautifully treed and great views.
\$388,000



COMMERCIAL LOCATION

Pride of ownership. Many recent upgrades. Currently 3 tenants. Separate 2BR home. Many possibilities on this Hwy 35 location.
\$359,000



KENNISIS-ISLAND COTTAGING

Private 1.59 ac island. 3BR tucked in the trees. Panoramic views. Stones throw from the mainland.
\$359,000



CUSTOM BUILT HOME

Bright beautiful 3BR, cath ceilings, spacious oak kitchen, Oversized grg with finished loft. 1/9th ownership in Miskwabi Access Lot.
\$349,000



PERCY LAKE

Cozy 2BR yr rnd cottage. Sunny deck, south exposure & gorgeous views. Bunkie. Well treed & private.
\$339,000



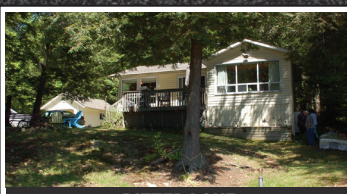
LOON LAKE

Level lot, sun all day. Sand shoreline. Great fishing & boating. 4 season 3BR, 4pc bath cottage. Screen porch. Close to Haliburton.
\$314,500



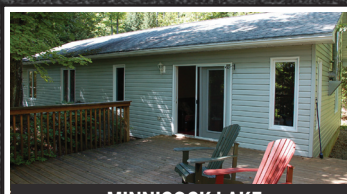
DRAG LAKE

Traditional 3BR cottage has great potential. Sand beach. Level lot. Great views. Year round road.
\$310,000



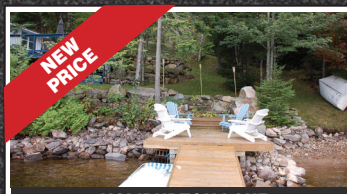
BITTER LAKE

Affordable cottaging. Yr rnd road. Sun all day, sand shoreline. Fish Bitter & Burdock Lakes. 2BR, 4pc. Garage! Very nice & tidy.
\$299,700



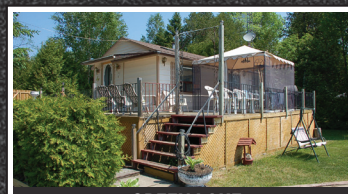
MINNICOCK LAKE

Total privacy. 170' frtg, natural treed lot. Crown Land & share in 88 ac. Low maint Royal Home construction. Winterized 2 Bedrm.
\$298,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Very cute & clean 2BR cottage on water's edge. Private. Upgrades to cottage. Enjoy it year round. Great opportunity on this popular lake.
\$274,000



GREEN LAKE

Year round waters edge cott/home with gorgeous sand beach. Full w/o basement. Wrap around deck. Near golf course, ski hill, & shopping.
\$279,900



HALIBURTON-SUNNYSIDE ST.

Walk to town. Treed private lot. Open concept, vaulted ceilings. Large wraparound deck. Huge recroom, Insul det garage. Nice design. Fresh Paint & Shingles!
\$259,950



HALIBURTON, RIDGEVIEW ROAD

Spawning 3BR ranch bungalow. Private landscaped lot. Att garage, 1BR apt, Excellent value for 2600sf.
\$258,000



CHARMING HALIBURTON HOME

Walk to amenities, great home-business location. 2 stry, 3BR, totally renovated. Clawfoot tub, pellet stove, Covered verandah. Great character.
\$248,500



WEST GUILFORD HOME

Great potential with 2.33 ac lot & garage.
\$235,000



PINE AVE, HALIBURTON

Newly renovated, great neighbourhood. Nice curb appeal. 3 bedrm, large screen porch. All on one level, landscaped, private back yard.
\$214,900



WEST OF HALIBURTON

Spawning 5BR bungalow with many upgrades. Dbl det garage. Huge deck. Very spacious family home. Lake access nearby.
\$165,000